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RESPONSE C

Sir:

Responsive to the action dated 31 July 2002:

TITLE

Please change the title of the application to SOCCER PRACTICE TOOL

DECLARATION

The requirement for a new oath is respectfully traversed. Each signatory inventor speaks for himself and the singular language is appropriate.

CLAIMS

Please add claim 11 as follows:

11. In a soccer ball tether system with an elastic line for tethering a soccer ball to be kicked to an extent allowable by the extended line and returned to an original kicking point,

the improvement comprising,

a tie down stake with a spiral shank portion joined to a circular top ring portion with a handle located at the junction of said portions and projecting orthogonally to the stake and tied thereto and being constructed to enable functioning as a handle for turning the stake to screw the spiral portion into the ground with the handle flat on the ground after full entry of